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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Detroit News: Clean car but black ice: Court rules for Pontiac car wash

"A car wash in the winter? Look out for ice. The Michigan appeals court has ruled in favor of a Pontiac car wash in a lawsuit by a customer who fell when he got out of his car to adjust the mirrors."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: Clean car but black ice: Court rules for car wash

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press.

Detroit Free Press: Detroit financial crisis: Court is owed millions ... but how to get it?

"As Detroit officials search for money the city is owed in an attempt to avoid an emergency financial manager, the chief judge for the city's district court said a slew of issues -- including people's inability to pay and poor technology that causes backlogs -- make it difficult to collect more than \$250 million owed to 36th District Court."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Detroit Financial Review Team report exposes 36th District Court running \$279M deficit

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: U.S. Supreme Court rules Detroit man can't be retried after judge's error dismissed case

"The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday said a Detroit man can't be retried in the burning of a home in 2008 on the city's west side because of the court's landmark prohibition of 'double jeopardy.' "

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Legal News: U.S. high court bars retrial of Mich. man suspected of arson

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: U.S. Supreme Court bars retrial of Michigan arson suspect

[Full story](#)

SBM Blog: U.S. Supreme Court: No Retrial for Acquitted Michigan Man Despite Judge's Error

[Full story](#)

Reuters/New York, NY: Supreme Court bars defendant's retrial after judge errs

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Judge restores some power to DPS Board of Education

"For at least the next five weeks, Detroit Public Schools emergency financial manager Roy Roberts must consult with the Detroit Board of Education on a host of issues, including academics, school security and temporary school closings, under a court ruling Wednesday."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Court increases authority of DPS board (second article)

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Detroit school board re-gains some powers--temporarily

[Full story](#)

WKAR News/East Lansing: Judge Draws Lines Over Power In Detroit Schools

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Doctor: Tamera's mom incompetent for trial

"A doctor has recommended that a Detroit mother accused of fatally stabbing her 8-year-old daughter be found incompetent to stand trial. Wayne County prosecutors asked for an independent evaluation of Semeria Greene, 26, during the competency hearing Wednesday in Detroit's 36th District Court."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Detroit mom to get 2nd exam in killing

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: House panel votes to keep Mich. drunken-driving limit at 0.08%

"The state House Criminal Justice Committee voted unanimously Wednesday to keep Michigan's drunken-driving blood-alcohol level at 0.08%. If the Legislature doesn't act, the level will revert to 0.10% on Oct. 1. In Michigan, a blood-alcohol level of 0.08% is considered drunken driving."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Editorial: Michigan needs to renew lower drunk standard; State must extend the .08 alcohol limit to save \$50 million in federal highway funds

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Drunken driving threshold: Michigan House committee OKs plan to maintain .08 standard

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: State House panel moves to keep legal blood alcohol limit at .08

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in WKAR News/East Lansing.

Ann Arbor Chronicle: Round 1 FY 2014: 15th District Court; Ann Arbor city council briefed on "problem-solving" courts that address: sobriety, homelessness, veterans issues, domestic violence

"Ann Arbor city council members were briefed on the 15th District Court as part of a Feb. 11 work session. Last Monday's meeting kicked off a series of such sessions that will provide information to the council as it looks toward its second meeting in May, when council members will set the budget for the next fiscal year."

[Full story](#)

City Pulse/Lansing: Dispensaries and overages: The Supreme Court's effect on Lansing dispensaries and pending legislation to give them hope

"... [Alternative Medicine] was one of at least two dispensaries in the Lansing area that was still selling marijuana after a Feb. 8 state Supreme Court decision that ruled dispensaries were illegal in a case involving one in Mount Pleasant."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Medical marijuana law changes discussed in Jackson by visiting attorney Matt Abel

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Seminar presents recent trends in alternate dispute resolution

"The Professional Resolution Experts of Michigan (PREMi) held a seminar on the subject of MED/ARB at Cooley Law School, Auburn Hills campus, on January 24, 2013.... The featured luncheon speaker was Doug Van Epps, Director of the Office of Dispute Resolution, Supreme Court Administrative Office. Van Epps gave the attendees a brief review of court rules and other activities currently being handled by his office."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

Detroit Legal News: Drum Majors

"The D. Augustus Straker Bar Association, the Association of Black Judges of Michigan, and the Wolverine Bar Association co-sponsored the 21st Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major for Justice Advocacy Competition on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law."

[Full story](#)

Ingham County Legal News: Manderfield joins Fraser Trebilcock

"Retired Judge Paula Manderfield is now practicing lawyer Paula Manderfield. She has joined Fraser Trebilcock as a shareholder in the Lansing office.... Manderfield retired at the end of 2012 after 20 years on the bench. For the past twelve years, she served as a 30th Circuit Court Judge in Ingham County."

[Full story](#)

Ingham County Legal News: Hathaway faces May 28 sentencing for bank fraud

"Diane M. Hathaway, a former Michigan Supreme Court justice, will be sentenced May 28 after she pled guilty for committing bank fraud in connection with a Grosse Pointe Park property she owned."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Jackson County Legal News: Commentary: The Hathaway Effect

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Washtenaw County Legal News.

Kalamazoo Gazette: Gov. Rick Snyder names Kalamazoo Township Police Chief Tim Bourgeois, Judge Curtis Bell to mental health council

"Gov. Rick Snyder has named two Kalamazoo-area leaders to a newly formed council focusing on mental health. Judge Curtis Bell of Kalamazoo, the presiding judge of the Family Division of the 9th Circuit Court of Kalamazoo County and an adjunct faculty member at Western Michigan University, will represent the judiciary arm in a three-year term expiring Jan. 30, 2016."

[Full story](#)

Lansing State Journal: Editorial: Yet another shortcoming at DHS; Work environment must be properly decorous

"The unbelievable case of a state Department of Human Services employee who was harassed with a toy ape draped over her work cubicle should offend every citizen of this state."

[Full story](#)

**** The article is available by subscription only.**

Macomb County Legal News: Newest state justice honored

"... The Tertzag Tribute Dinner Committee has announced that the 2013 recipient of the Purple Sport Coat Award is newly elected Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack.... The keynote speaker will be Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Judicial positions open up in Muskegon, Midland counties

"A judicial seat will be open at both the 14th Circuit Court in Muskegon County and the 42nd Circuit Court in Midland County, as Judge John Ruck and Judge Jonathan Lauderbach, respectively, will be vacating. The deadline to submit applications is March 7."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Judges gather for Annual Worship Service

"Members of the Association of Black Judges of Michigan (ABJM) gathered for its Annual Worship Service on Sunday, Feb. 10, at Messiah Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press Blog: Do Teen-Aged Murderers Deserve a Second Chance?

"... Although the U.S. Supreme Court recently decided in *Miller v Alabama* that mandatory juvenile life sentences violate the 8th Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment, critical aspects on the application of this decision were not addressed by the SCOTUS. For example, recent cases percolating through the appellate courts here in Michigan address whether SCOTUS' *Miller* decision should be applied retroactively."

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